

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 5, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the September 21st meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Bi-weekly claims were approved with Mark Bacon initiating the motion and Paul Wilkinson offering a second. Motion carried.
- Payroll claims were submitted. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the payroll. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Auditor Beard stated that she has refused to sign the claim from Rhea Dawn Buckley, APC Director for not keeping a time record and submitting an incorrect time sheet which could be sited as ghost employment. Commissioner Wilkinson amended his motion to hold the APC director's check until the discrepancies were corrected. Mark Bacon moved to second the motion. Motion carried.

JUVENILE DETENTION CONTRACT

Circuit Court Judge David Northam and Probation Officer Mark Fields appeared to explain that the County has exhausted its contractual days for 2015. They recommended that the Commissioners enter an amended contract for with Youth Opportunity Center, INC from October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016 for 240 bed days at \$119 per day. Mark Bacon moved to sign the contract. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RIDE RUSH GRANT

Wanda Henderson director of Ride Rush presented the approved Operating Assistance Grant for 2016. Mark Bacon moved to sign the grant and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Commissioner Levi signed the grant and reminded those in attendance that Ride Rush is available to all Rush County residents.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported there are 41 inmates at the jail; 33 males and 8 females. Cowan shared that Courthouse Security has made 22 arrests in 2015. There are 495 outstanding warrants, and dispatch answered 385 calls last week. Pre-basic training is being conducted along with the City and Carthage.

Cowan stated that the air handler at the jail went down over the weekend.

AREA PLAN REORGANIZATION

Councilman Gerald Mohr and Mayor Mike Pavey presented the Commissioners with a proposed timeline for the reorganization of the APC/BZA along with drafts for the inter-local agreement and required ordinances. Any action was tabled to the next meeting.

EMA

Chuck Kemker shared that EMA had been awarded a Rush County Community Grant for the purchase of 800 MHz radios. Mark Bacon moved to sign the acceptance of the grant funds. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WEB MASTER

Commissioner Levi asked Carole Yeend to update the Commissioner minutes posting on the county webpage.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton submitted the monthly report for September. Sitton noted that the highway fund is down due to the 105 miles of chip & seal construction.

Sitton reported several complaints about the newly constructed Carthage Pike. The contractor that was awarded the project from the State must submit a plan of action to the State Engineer. Sitton wants a total resurface to that section of the road.

COURTHOUSE ANNEX LEASES

Attorney Leigh Morning drafted leases for the tenants of the Courthouse Annex. The agreements are with Ivy Tech, CASA, Rushville Republican, and Line Drive for a period from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. Paul Wilkinson move to approve the lease agreements. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMS REPORTS

Rush Memorial Hospital submitted monthly reports for March, July, and August. The 2nd quarter financial report was also submitted. Carthage monthly report was also received. The Commissioners questioned if Raleigh or Carthage were reporting the runs on the dual dispatch. Sheriff Cowan will obtain an answer.

APEX PLAN AMENDMENT

An amendment to the county's health insurance plan document to include RX copayments in the out-of-pocket maximum was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried for Commissioner Levi to sign Amendment #4.

QPH

QPH Heating & Cooling recently completed the mid-season inspection of the courthouse. A copy of the check list was provided to the Commissioners. There was discussion if QPH needed to be contracted for the Courthouse Annex.

BOND

A bond was signed for Lori Moran, the new hire for Soil & Water on a motion by Mark Bacon. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.

COPIES OF MINUTES

Patty Monka asked that more than one copy of the Commissioner Minutes be provided for the public.

Mary Ann Beard, Auditor explained that one copy is posted on the bulletin board at the north door and six copies are left for the public. Additional copies may be received in the Auditor's office for a minimal copy fee.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Paul Wilkinson
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor